

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed September 17, 2003. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of the Application. Claims 1, 2, 11, and 12 have been amended to clarify, more particularly point out, and more distinctly claim inventive concepts previously present in these claims. These amendments are not considered necessary for patentability. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by the amendments to the claims. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Applicant has responded to each notation by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Section 112 Rejection

Claims 2 and 12 are amended to correct informalities. Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out the informalities. The claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter the Applicant regards as the invention, and thus are allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Section 102 Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(3) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,513,062 to Weber ("Weber"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the reasons discussed below.

Applicant respectfully submits that *Weber* fails to disclose the elements specifically recited in Applicant's claims. For example, *Weber* fails to disclose, "the second request generated by transforming a uniform resource identifier portion of the first request to include information from the header portion of the first request," recited in Applicant's independent Claims 1 and 10, as amended.

Weber discloses methods for generating responses for repeated resource requests. (*Weber*, column 2, lines 20-21). According to *Weber*:

An exemplary method includes: receiving a first request for a first resource; deriving intermediate state information used in generating a first response to the first request and caching the intermediate state information. ... Illustrative examples of what the intermediate state information may comprise include: an internal name corresponding to the first resource and a type of the first resource; the first resource; or a plurality of response header lines for the first resource.

(*Weber*, column 2, lines 21-32).

Weber also discloses:

In this illustrative embodiment, the Nth URI Descriptor data structure 1400 comprises a first variable 1455 indicating whether the resource is cached, a second variable 1460 enumerating the type of file associated with the resource, a third variable 1465 comprising an internal name for the resource associated with the URI, a fourth variable 1470 comprising a length of the resource associated with the URI, a fifth variable 1475 comprising a length of headers for the response, a sixth variable 1480 referencing a cached response body 1500, and a seventh variable 1485 referencing a cached response header 1600.

(*Weber*, column 4, lines 5-15).

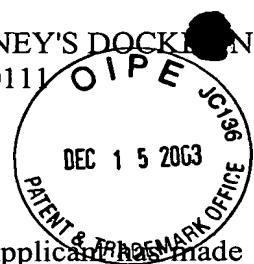
That is, *Weber* discloses URI Descriptor data that includes a response header that is used to generate a response to a request. (*Weber*, column 1, lines 44-47). *Weber*, however, does not disclose, teach, or suggest a uniform resource identifier that includes information from the header portion of the first request.

Consequently, at a minimum, *Weber* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest, "the second request generated by transforming a uniform resource identifier portion of the first request to include information from the header portion of the first request," as recited in Applicant's claims. For at least these reasons, *Weber* fails to disclose the elements specifically recited in Applicant's independent Claims 1 and 11.

Applicant's dependent claims are allowable based on their dependence on the independent claims and further because they recite numerous additional patentable distinctions over the prior art. Because Applicant believes he has amply demonstrated the allowability of the independent claims over the prior art, and to avoid burdening the record, Applicant has not provided detailed remarks concerning these dependent claims. Applicant, however, remains ready to provide such remarks if it becomes appropriate to do so.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of independent Claims 1 and 11 and all claims that depend on these claims.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant ~~has~~ made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this case in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact Keiko Ichiye, the Attorney for Applicant, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6494.

Although Applicant believes no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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